311.848 Medical emergency -- Approval of additional physician assistants -- Emergency permit.

- (1) As used in this section, "medical emergency" means a real and substantial threat to public health or the health of an individual as determined by the executive director of the board that requires additional professional resources.
- (2) In a medical emergency, the board may approve an additional physician assistant for a supervising physician practicing in this Commonwealth for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days who:
 - (a) Submits satisfactorily completed forms to the board; and
 - (b) Is licensed and in good standing in this Commonwealth.
- (3) In a medical emergency, the board may issue an emergency permit to a physician assistant who:
 - (a) Is credentialed and in good standing in another state or Canadian province;
 - (b) Submits satisfactorily completed forms to the board; and
 - (c) Based on verifiable information, meets the requirements for licensure under KRS 311.844.
- (4) An emergency permit:
 - (a) Shall be valid for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days;
 - (b) Shall not be renewed or reissued and shall be immediately canceled if a medical emergency no longer exists;
 - (c) May be canceled by the executive director upon reasonable cause without a prior hearing; and
 - (d) Shall not authorize a physician assistant to practice beyond a specified geographical area, beyond the scope of practice encompassed by the medical emergency, or without the supervision of a supervising physician.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/12/2006). 2006 Ky. Acts ch. 78, sec. 11, provides: "A physician assistant who is certified in Kentucky and in good standing on the effective date of this Act [July 12, 2006] shall automatically be licensed under Sections 1 to 10 of this Act [KRS 311.840, 311.842, 311.844, 311.845, 311.846, 311.848, 311.850, 311.852, 311.856, and 311.862] and shall be issued a physician assistant license upon annual renewal."